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Dear Manager,

## 2025 Notice of Annual General Meeting

Attached is the Coles Group Limited 2025 Notice of Annual General Meeting.

This announcement is authorised by the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Daniella Pereira

Group Company Secretary

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# How to participate in the AGM

The Coles Group Limited 2025 AGM will be held on **Tuesday 11 November 2025** at **9.00am** (AEDT). You are invited to participate in the AGM in person or online.

## Get ready for the AGM

#### Vote or appoint a proxy

You can cast a direct vote or appoint a proxy online at www.investorvote.com.au or by returning your hard copy Voting Form.

Your direct vote or proxy appointment must be received by no later than 9.00am (AEDT) on Sunday 9 November 2025 to be valid.

Please note you may also live vote in person or online during the AGM.

## Ask a question

You can ask a question in advance of the AGM online at www.investorvote.com.au, by sending an email to colesagm@computershare.com.au or submitting your question with your hard copy Voting Form.

Questions must be received by no later than 5.00pm (AEDT) on Monday 3 November 2025.

## Participate in the AGM

#### In person

You may attend in person at CENTREPIECE at Melbourne Park, Olympic Boulevard, Melbourne, Victoria.

Venue registration will open from 8.00am (AEDT).

#### **Online**

We recommend you log in and register from 8.00am (AEDT) using the instructions below:

- Enter Meeting ID 300-541-142-989 at https://meetings.lumiconnect.com in your web browser.
   You will need internet access and the latest version of Chrome, Safari, Edge or Firefox.
- Select your registration type: 'Securityholder or Proxy' (including attorneys and corporate representatives) or 'Guest'.
- To register as a securityholder, enter your SRN/HIN and your password, which is the postcode registered on your holding (if you are an Australian resident) or country code (if you are an overseas resident).
- To register as a proxyholder, enter your unique username and password obtained from Computershare Investor Services. These details can be obtained from Computershare Investor Services on +61 3 9415 4024 from 8.00am (AEDT) on the morning of the meeting.
- To register as a guest, enter your name and email address. Guests will not be able to vote or ask questions.

#### Your SRN/HIN

You will need your SRN/HIN to participate in the AGM. If you are unable to locate your SRN/HIN, please contact Computershare Investor Services by no later than Monday 3 November 2025 as your SRN/HIN may only be provided by post for security reasons. Please keep your SRN/HIN confidential.

## **Need assistance?**

If you need assistance, please contact our share registry, Computershare Investor Services on:

- T: 1300 171 785 (within Australia)
- T: +61 3 9415 4078 (outside of Australia)

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# Letter from the Chairman



- in person at CENTREPIECE at Melbourne Park, Olympic Boulevard, Melbourne, Victoria; or
- remotely via the online platform at https://meetings.lumiconnect.com/300-541-142-989. Alternatively, you can visit https://meetings.lumiconnect.com and enter Meeting ID 300-541-142-989.

Further information on the business of the meeting and how to participate is set out in this Notice of Meeting and in the Online Meeting Guide which can be found on our website at www.colesgroup.com.au/agm.

Shareholders, proxyholders, attorneys and corporate representatives attending the AGM will be able to watch and listen to the AGM, ask questions and vote live during the AGM. You may also cast your direct vote, appoint a proxy and/or ask a question prior to the AGM.

Details of the business of the AGM are contained from page 4.

The AGM is a valuable opportunity for the Board to discuss with shareholders the performance of the Company, and we encourage all shareholders, proxyholders, attorneys and corporate representatives to participate in the AGM.

I look forward to your attendance and the opportunity to engage with you at our 2025 AGM.

Yours sincerely

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Peter Allen Chairman, Coles Group Limited 17 September 2025

# **Notice of 2025 Annual General Meeting**

Notice is given that the 2025 Annual General Meeting of Coles Group Limited will be held as a hybrid meeting as follows:

Date: Tuesday 11 November 2025

Time: 9.00am (AEDT)

Venue: CENTREPIECE at Melbourne Park, Olympic Boulevard, Melbourne, Victoria

If you plan to attend the AGM venue in person, we encourage you to monitor our website at www.colesgroup.com.au/agm for any updates. Should it become necessary or appropriate to make alternative arrangements for Coles' AGM, the alternative arrangements will be notified on this website.

#### Online:

Login via https://meetings.lumiconnect.com/300-541-142-989. You will need internet access and the latest version of Chrome, Safari, Edge or Firefox.

For shareholders, attorneys and corporate representatives:

- Your username is your SRN/HIN.
- Your password is your postcode registered on your holding if you are an Australian resident or your country code if you are an
  overseas resident. Please refer to the Online Meeting Guide at www.colesgroup.com.au/agm for your country code.

If you are a proxyholder, you will need to contact Computershare Investor Services on +61 3 9415 4024 from 8.00am (AEDT) on the morning of the meeting for your unique username and password.

If you are attending as a guest, select 'Guest' and enter your name and email details. Guests can access the live AGM webcast, however, will not be able to vote or ask questions.

More information on how to access and participate in the AGM online, including how to ask questions verbally or in writing, is available at www.colesgroup.com.au/agm and outlined in the sections below.

#### **Agenda Items**

#### 1. Financial Report, Directors' Report and Auditor's Report

To receive and consider the Financial Report, Directors' Report and Auditor's Report for the Company and its controlled entities for the year ended 29 June 2025.

#### Re-election of Directors

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions each as an ordinary resolution:

- 2.1. That Ms Jacqueline Chow, being eligible, be re-elected as a Director of the Company.
- 2.2. That Mr Scott Price, being eligible, be re-elected as a Director of the Company.

## 3. Remuneration Report

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

That the Remuneration Report for the year ended 29 June 2025 be adopted.

**Note:** The vote on this resolution is advisory only and does not bind the Directors or the Company. A voting exclusion statement applies to this resolution (see section 7 of the Notes relating to voting).

#### Approval of short-term incentive grant of STI Shares to the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

That approval be given for all purposes, including ASX Listing Rule 10.14, for the grant of shares to Ms Leah Weckert as the deferred component of her annual short-term incentive award for the year ended 29 June 2025 on the terms described in the Explanatory Memorandum accompanying this Notice of Meeting.

Note: A voting exclusion statement applies to this resolution (see section 7 of the Notes relating to voting).

# 5. Approval of long-term incentive grant of performance rights to the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

That approval be given for all purposes, including ASX Listing Rule 10.14, for the grant of performance rights to Ms Leah Weckert as her annual long-term incentive grant for the year ending 28 June 2026 on the terms described in the Explanatory Memorandum accompanying this Notice of Meeting.

Note: A voting exclusion statement applies to this resolution (see section 7 of the Notes relating to voting).

### 6. Resolutions requisitioned by a group of shareholders (not supported by the Board)

The resolutions in Items 6.1 - 6.3 have been requisitioned by a group of shareholders holding approximately 0.0021% of Coles' shares on issue and are **NOT SUPPORTED** by the Board.

6.1 To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as a special resolution:

To insert into our company's constitution the following new clause 7.11

Member resolutions at general meeting

"The shareholders in general meeting may by ordinary resolution express an opinion, ask for information, or make a request, about the way in which a power of the company partially or exclusively vested in the directors has been or should be exercised. However, such a resolution must relate to an issue of material relevance to the company or the company's business as identified by the company, and cannot either advocate action which would violate any law or relate to any personal claim or grievance. Such a resolution is advisory only and does not bind the directors or the company."

6.2 Subject to and conditional on the resolution in Item 6.1 being passed by the required majority, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

Shareholders request that Coles identify and report on the real and potential impacts of farmed seafood it procures for its Own Brand products on endangered species under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) List of Threatened Fauna in its 2026 Sustainability Report.

6.3 Subject to and conditional on the resolution in Item 6.1 being passed by the required majority, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

Shareholders request that Coles aligns its Responsibly Sourced Seafood Policy and Supplier Requirements with a global best practice standard, such as the Conservation Alliance for Seafood Solutions "Guidance for Companies", and report to shareholders on progress in meeting these best practice guidelines in its 2026 Sustainability Report.

**Note:** Items 6.2 and 6.3 are contingent on the passing of the constitutional amendment in Item 6.1. If Item 6.1 does not pass as a special resolution, Items 6.2 and 6.3 will not be put to shareholders at the meeting.

The Board unanimously recommends that shareholders vote **AGAINST** Items 6.1 - 6.3 for the reasons set on pages 16 to 17 of the Explanatory Memorandum.

The Chairman of the meeting intends to vote all available proxies **AGAINST** Items 6.1 - 6.3.

The Notes relating to voting and the Explanatory Memorandum form part of this Notice of Meeting.

By Order of the Board.

Daniella Pereira

Group Company Secretary 17 September 2025

# Notes relating to voting

#### 1. Am I entitled to vote at the AGM?

Registered holders of shares in the Company as at 9.00am (AEDT) on Sunday 9 November 2025 will be entitled to attend and vote at the AGM as a shareholder.

#### 2. How can I vote?

All items of business at the AGM will be decided by poll.

If you are entitled to vote at the AGM, you can vote in the following ways:

commencement of the meeting.

have directed (subject to any applicable voting exclusions).

Option	Instructions
Cast a direct vote before the AGM	You can cast a direct vote prior to the AGM either online or by submitting a Voting Form. Instructions on how to submit a direct vote prior to the meeting are in section 3 below.
	To be effective, your direct vote must be received no later than 9.00am (AEDT) on Sunday 9 November 2025.
	If you are casting a direct vote online, go to www.investorvote.com.au and follow the instructions.
	If you are casting a direct vote by submitting a Voting Form, please mark box A in Step 1 of the Voting Form. By marking box A in Step 1, you are voting your shares directly and are not appointing a third party, such as a proxy, to act on your behalf.
	Then, select 'FOR', 'AGAINST' or 'ABSTAIN' for each item in Step 2 of the Voting Form.
	If you mark box A in Step 1 and do not provide a voting direction on any item in Step 2, your Voting Form will operate as a proxy appointment and your vote will be passed to the Chairman of the meeting as your proxy.
	If box A and box B are both completed on the Voting Form and you provide a voting direction on an item in Step 2, your direct vote will take precedence over the proxy appointment.
	Where you appoint a proxy before the AGM but then subsequently lodge a direct vote following the instructions above, your direct vote will take precedence and your proxy appointment will be invalidated.
Appoint a proxy before the AGM	You can appoint a proxy to attend and cast a live vote during the AGM (either in person or online) on your behalf. Instructions on how to submit a proxy appointment online or by returning your Voting Form are in section 3 below.
	To be effective, your proxy appointment must be received no later than 9.00am (AEDT) on Sunday 9 November 2025.
	Your proxy need not be a shareholder and can be either an individual or a body corporate. If you submit your proxy appointment without naming your proxy, the Chairman of the meeting will act as your proxy.
	If you are entitled to cast two or more votes, you may appoint two proxies and specify the proportion or number of votes each proxy is appointed to exercise. This may be done by specifying both names on the Voting Form. If no proportion or number is specified, each proxy may exercise half of your votes. Fractions of votes will be disregarded.
	If you appoint a body corporate as your proxy, that body corporate will need to ensure that it:
	<ul> <li>appoints an individual as its corporate representative to exercise its powers at the meeting, in accordance with section 250D of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) (Corporations Act); and</li> </ul>
	provides satisfactory evidence of the appointment of its corporate representative prior to

If you wish to indicate how your proxy should vote, please mark the appropriate boxes online or on the Voting Form. If you do not direct your proxy how to vote on a particular item of business, you are authorising your proxy to vote as your proxy decides, subject to any applicable voting exclusions.

Where you lodge a direct vote before the AGM but then subsequently appoint a proxy following the instructions above, your proxy appointment will take precedence and your direct vote will be invalidated.

If you have specified how your proxy is to vote on an item of business, but your proxy does not attend the meeting, does not vote on the item as directed or otherwise does not vote on the item, then the Chairman of the meeting will be taken to have been appointed as your proxy and will vote on your behalf as you

#### Option Instructions Appoint an You may appoint an attorney or, if you are a corporate shareholder, a corporate representative to attend attorney or and cast a live vote during the AGM (either in person or online) on your behalf. corporate **Attorneys** representative before the AGM If you would like to appoint an attorney, the power of attorney (or a certified copy) must be received by the Company's share registry by 9.00am (AEDT) on Sunday 9 November 2025 to be effective for the AGM, unless the power of attorney has previously been lodged with the Company's share registry. Corporate representatives A body corporate that is a shareholder, or which has been appointed as a proxy, may appoint an individual to act as its representative. The appointment must comply with the requirements in section 250D of the Corporations Act. Evidence of the appointment of a representative, including any authority under which it has been signed, must be lodged with the Company before the meeting (unless it has previously been given to the Company). Evidence of appointment can be provided to the Company's share registry ahead of the AGM through the contact details contained in this Notice of Meeting. If you (or your proxy, attorney or corporate representative) intend to attend and vote at the meeting in Vote live in person during the AGM person, please arrive at the venue at least 30 minutes prior to the time designated for the meeting to register. Instructions on how to vote in person at the meeting will be given during the course of the meeting. If you have appointed a proxy or cast a direct vote prior to the AGM but subsequently attend the AGM in person, you will have the opportunity to either retain your prior instruction or revoke it and vote in person during the meeting. Vote live online If you (or your proxy, attorney or corporate representative) attend the AGM online, you will be able to vote during the AGM live during the meeting via the online platform when invited by the Chairman of the meeting. You will be able to vote 'FOR', 'AGAINST' or 'ABSTAIN' on each item. Appointed proxies will need to contact Computershare Investor Services on +61 3 9415 4024 to request their unique username and password from 8.00am (AEDT) on the morning of the meeting. If you have appointed a proxy or cast a direct vote prior to the AGM but subsequently attend the AGM online and vote live, your previous direct vote or proxy instruction will be revoked and your live vote will take precedence.

Shareholders who do not plan to attend the AGM are encouraged to lodge a direct vote prior to the meeting or to appoint a proxy.

Please note that for the purposes of the AGM, a shareholder is deemed to have instructed the Company that any direct vote cast before the meeting will stand unless the shareholder subsequently appoints a valid proxy, or the shareholder (or their proxy, attorney or corporate representative) live votes during the meeting.

#### Notes relating to voting continued

# 3. How do I submit my direct vote or proxy appointment?

To be valid, your direct vote or proxy appointment (together with any authority under which it is signed or a certified copy of the authority) must be received by no later than 9.00am (AEDT) on Sunday 9 November 2025. You can cast a direct vote or appoint a proxy using the Voting Form or online.

#### Online:

#### (Computer or smartphone)

Log in to: www.investorvote.com.au

You will need the control number, your SRN/HIN and postcode/country code shown on the right-hand side of your Voting Form to submit your form online.

To use the smartphone voting service, scan the QR code which appears on your Voting Form and follow the instructions provided to access www.investorvote.com.au and submit your vote from your smartphone.

If you received the Notice of Meeting electronically, you would have received a personalised email link with your Notice of Meeting. You can submit your direct vote or proxy appointment by following the instructions set out in the email.

## Mail: (Voting Form)

Mail your Voting Form to: Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited GPO Box 242 Melbourne Victoria 3001 Australia

#### In Person: (Voting Form)

Deliver your Voting Form to: Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited Yarra Falls 452 Johnston Street Abbotsford Victoria 3067 Australia

Participating intermediaries can submit their voting instructions online through www.intermediaryonline.com.

# 4. Can I appoint the Chairman as my proxy?

You can appoint the Chairman of the meeting as your proxy.

You can direct the Chairman of the meeting how to vote by marking the boxes for the relevant resolution (for example, if you wish to vote 'FOR', 'AGAINST' or to 'ABSTAIN' from voting). However, if you do not mark a box next to Items 3, 4 and 5, then by completing and submitting the proxy appointment you will be expressly authorising the Chairman of the meeting to vote as he or she sees fit in respect of Items 3, 4 and 5 even though the items are connected with the remuneration of the Company's key management personnel (KMP).

If your appointed proxy does not attend the meeting, or does not vote as directed, the Chairman of the meeting will become your proxy by default and will cast any available proxies as directed, or, if no direction is given, as seen fit.

# 5. Can I appoint another member of the Company's KMP as my proxy?

Yes. However, if you appoint a member of the Company's KMP (which includes each of the Directors) other than the Chairman of the meeting as your proxy, they will not be able to vote as your proxy on Items 3, 4 and 5 unless you direct them how to vote. Additionally, Ms Weckert and her associates will not be able to vote your proxy in favour of Items 4 or 5 unless you direct them how to vote. If you intend to appoint any of those persons as your proxy, you should ensure that you direct that person how to vote on Items 3, 4 and 5.

# 6. What are the Chairman's voting intentions?

The Chairman of the meeting intends to vote all available proxies in favour of Items 2 – 5 and against Items 6.1 – 6.3.

If you appoint the Chairman of the meeting as your proxy, or the Chairman of the meeting becomes your proxy by default, and you have not directed the Chairman of the meeting how to vote on an item of business, the Chairman of the meeting intends to exercise your votes in favour of Items 2-5 and against Items 6.1-6.3.

## 7. Do any voting exclusions apply?

Yes, voting exclusions apply to Items 3, 4 and 5 as follows:

#### Item 3 - Remuneration Report

The Company will disregard any votes cast on Item 3:

- by or on behalf of a member of the Company's KMP whose remuneration details are included in the Company's Remuneration Report for the year ended 29 June 2025 or their closely related parties, regardless of the capacity in which the vote is cast; or
- as a proxy by a person who is a member of the Company's KMP at the date of the meeting or their closely related parties,

unless the vote is cast as proxy for a person entitled to vote on Item 3:

- in accordance with a direction on the Voting Form or received online (as applicable); or
- by the Chairman of the meeting pursuant to an express authorisation to exercise the proxy even though Item 3 is connected with the remuneration of the Company's KMP.

# Items 4 and 5 - Approval of short-term and long-term incentive grants to the MD and CEO

The Company will disregard any votes cast on Items 4 and 5:

- in favour of either Item, by or on behalf of Ms Weckert or any of her associates, regardless of the capacity in which the vote is cast; or
- as a proxy by a person who is a member of the Company's KMP at the date of the meeting or their closely related parties,

unless the vote is cast on Items 4 and 5:

 as proxy or attorney for a person entitled to vote on the relevant Item in accordance with a direction given to the proxy or attorney to vote on the Item in that way; or

- by the Chairman of the meeting as proxy for a person entitled to
  vote on the relevant Item pursuant to an express authorisation to
  exercise the proxy as the Chairman of the meeting decides; or
- by a holder acting solely in a nominee, trustee, custodial or other fiduciary capacity on behalf of a beneficiary provided the following conditions are met:
  - the beneficiary provides written confirmation to the holder that the beneficiary is not excluded from voting and is not an associate of a person excluded from voting on the relevant Item; and
  - the holder votes on the relevant Item in accordance with directions given by the beneficiary to the holder to vote in that way.

# 8. How can I ask questions?

Coles welcomes your questions and comments.

#### Questions in advance of the meeting

You may submit written questions ahead of the AGM relating to the business of the meeting, including questions for the Company's Auditor, Ernst & Young (EY). Questions for the Company's Auditor must relate to the content of the Auditor's Report or the conduct of the audit of the Financial Report. The Company's Auditor is not required to provide written responses to shareholders.

Written questions must be received by the Company no later than 5.00pm (AEDT) on Monday 3 November 2025.

Questions may be sent to the Company in one of the following ways:

Post: Coles AGM

C/- Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited

GPO Box 242

Melbourne, Victoria 3001

Email: colesagm@computershare.com.au

Online: At www.investorvote.com.au when lodging

a direct vote or proxy vote.

The Chairman of the meeting will endeavour to address the key themes raised during the meeting, subject to time availability. Please note that individual responses will not be sent to shareholders.

## Questions during the meeting

If you (or your proxy, attorney or corporate representative) attend the meeting in person or online, you will have a reasonable opportunity to ask questions and make comments on all the items of business set out in this Notice of Meeting including an opportunity to ask questions of the Company's Auditor, EY.

If you attend the meeting online, the online platform will allow you to submit written questions or ask questions verbally using an audio facility during the meeting. If you wish to use the audio facility to ask a verbal question, you will need a computer with a working microphone or a smartphone.

More information on how to ask questions is available at www.colesgroup.com.au/agm.

Please restrict yourself to two questions or comments initially. Further questions will be considered if time permits. Questions and comments may be grouped or amalgamated if there are multiple questions or comments on the same topic. There may not be sufficient time available to address all questions and comments raised.

## 9. Technical difficulties

Technical difficulties may arise during the course of the meeting. This may include local technical difficulties experienced by shareholders attending the meeting online, such as poor internet connection. The Chairman of the meeting has discretion as to whether and how the AGM should proceed if a technical difficulty arises. In exercising this discretion, the Chairman of the meeting will have regard to the number of shareholders impacted and the extent to which participation in the business of the meeting is affected. Where the Chairman of the meeting considers it appropriate, he or she may continue to hold the meeting and transact business, including conducting a poll and voting in accordance with valid direct votes and proxy instructions. For this reason, shareholders, particularly those who plan on attending online, are encouraged to vote in advance of the meeting.

## 10. Alternate arrangements

If it becomes necessary or appropriate to make alternative arrangements to hold the AGM to those set out in this notice, the alternate arrangements will be communicated on our website at www.colesgroup.com.au/agm.

#### 11. Communication with shareholders

At Coles, we want shareholders to take advantage of electronic communications. Receiving your shareholder communications electronically is the simplest – and most environmentally sustainable – way to stay informed and we encourage you to sign up to receive e-communications. To sign up, visit www.computershare.com/au. In line with this approach and our commitment to the environment and sustainability, unless you elect otherwise:

- we will provide our Annual Reports to you by making them available on our website; and
- if you have provided an email address, our Notices of Meeting and related documents will be made accessible electronically.

# 12. How do I contact the Company's share registry?

The Company's share registry Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited can be contacted at:

Address: Yarra Falls

452 Johnston Street

Abbotsford Victoria 3067

Mailing address: GPO Box 242

Melbourne Victoria 3001

**Telephone:** (within Australia) 1300 171 785

(overseas) +61 3 9415 4078

Facsimile: (within Australia) 1800 783 447

(overseas) +61 3 9473 2555

# **Explanatory Memorandum**

This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared to help shareholders understand the items of business at the forthcoming AGM.

## 1. Financial Report, Directors' Report and Auditor's Report

The Corporations Act requires the annual Financial Report of the Company and its controlled entities for the year ended 29 June 2025, the Directors' Report and the Auditor's Report to be laid before the AGM.

Neither the Corporations Act nor the Company's Constitution requires a vote of shareholders on the reports. However, shareholders will be given a reasonable opportunity to raise questions or comment on the management of the Company.

A reasonable opportunity will also be given to shareholders as a whole at the meeting to ask the Company's Auditor questions relevant to the conduct of the audit, the preparation and content of the Auditor's Report, the accounting policies adopted by the Company in relation to the preparation of the financial statements and the independence of the Auditor in relation to the conduct of the audit.

Shareholders can access a copy of the 2025 Annual Report on the Company's website at www.colesgroup.com.au.

## 2. Re-election of Directors

The ASX Listing Rules require Coles to hold an election of directors at each AGM. In accordance with rules 8.1(d) and 8.1(j) of the Company's Constitution, Ms Jacqueline Chow and Mr Scott Price will retire from office at the conclusion of the AGM and, being eligible, each offer themselves for re-election at the meeting.

#### Recommendation

The Board (with the relevant Director seeking re-election abstaining) recommends that shareholders vote in favour of the re-election of Ms Jacqueline Chow and Mr Scott Price.

#### 2.1 Re-election of Ms Jacqueline Chow



Jacqueline Chow MBA, BSc (Hons), FAICD

Non-executive Director since November 2018, Member of the Nomination Committee and the Audit and Risk Committee Jacqueline Chow has been a Non-executive Director of the Company since 19 November 2018. Jacqueline is a Non-executive Director of nib Holdings Limited and Charter Hall Group. Jacqueline is also the Chairman of the Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce of NSW and a Senior Advisor in McKinsey's Transformation practice.

Jacqueline was previously a Non-executive Director of Boral Limited and from 2016 to 2019, a Director of Fisher & Paykel Appliances. Jacqueline previously held senior management positions, including Chief Operating Officer, Global Consumer and Food Service, with Fonterra Co-operative Group, one of the world's largest dairy product producers and exporters.

Prior to that, Jacqueline was in senior management with Campbell Arnott's and Kellogg Company.

She was also Programme Steering Group Director, Ministry for Primary Industries, New Zealand and Deputy Chairman of the Global Dairy Platform Inc.

Jacqueline's background and experience in the FMCG industry brings operational insights in relation to managing complex supply chains as well as customer experience, brand reputation and sustainability.

The Board considers Ms Chow to be independent.

#### 2.2 Re-election of Mr Scott Price



Scott Price
BA, MBA, MA
Non-executive Director since
October 2022, Member of the
Nomination Committee and the

People and Culture Committee

Scott Price has been a Non-executive Director of the Company since 1 October 2022. Scott commenced as Group Chief Executive of DFI Retail Group Holdings Limited on 1 August 2023, having retired in early 2022 as Executive Vice-President; President of UPS International.

Scott was also previously UPS's Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer, and was responsible for strategic planning, Global Business Services and the company's Advanced Technology Group. From 2009 to 2015, Scott led Walmart's Asia store business before moving to the United States to lead global sourcing, international technology, real estate and strategy until 2017. He was also previously President and CEO of DHL Asia and then DHL Europe and began his career at The Coca-Cola Company in Asia.

Scott is a director of the Consumer Goods Forum and is a member of the Advisory Board to the World Retail Congress.

Scott's extensive retail and FMCG experience provides valuable insights and a global perspective, particularly in relation to complex supply chains, business transformation and sustainability initiatives.

The Board considers Mr Price to be independent.

# 3. Remuneration Report

The Remuneration Report on pages 58 to 76 of the Company's 2025 Annual Report sets out the remuneration policies of the Company and reports on the remuneration arrangements in place for the Company's KMP during the year ended 29 June 2025.

Shareholders will have a reasonable opportunity at the meeting to ask questions about or make comments on the Remuneration Report.

As prescribed by the Corporations Act, the vote on the adoption of the Remuneration Report is advisory only and does not bind the Directors or the Company. However, the Board will take the outcome of the vote and discussion at the meeting into account in setting remuneration policy for future years.

A voting exclusion statement applies to this resolution, as set out in the Notice of Meeting.

#### Recommendation

The Board recommends that shareholders vote in favour of the adoption of the Remuneration Report.

# Approval of short-term incentive grant of STI Shares to the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer

ASX Listing Rule 10.14 requires that shareholder approval be obtained for the acquisition of securities by a director under an employee incentive scheme.

Pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 10.14, the Company is seeking shareholder approval for the grant of 42,864 fully paid ordinary shares to Ms Leah Weckert, Managing Director and CEO (MD and CEO), as the deferred equity component of her short-term incentive (STI) award for FY25 (STI Shares).

Subject to shareholder approval, the STI Shares will be allocated to Ms Weckert shortly after the 2025 AGM and, in any event, no later than 12 months from the date of the 2025 AGM.

#### Key terms of the FY25 STI award

The STI is designed to provide increased focus on, and reward for, performance against those areas that most significantly drive the delivery of the Company's strategic initiatives. Providing a portion of Ms Weckert's STI award in the form of equity also aligns the interests of the MD and CEO with the interests of shareholders.

For FY25, Ms Weckert was entitled to receive a STI award of up to 120% of her relevant FY25 total fixed compensation (FY25 TFC) as her maximum STI opportunity with:

- 50% of any STI award payable in cash; and
- 50% of any STI award deferred into equity in the form of STI Shares, subject to shareholder approval.

The STI Shares will be granted under the Coles Group Limited Equity Incentive Plan (Plan).

#### Performance conditions

Ms Weckert's FY25 STI award was subject to achievement of performance conditions in a Balanced Scorecard comprising 60% weighting of financial metrics and 40% weighting of strategic and non-financial metrics. These metrics included Group EBIT, Group Sales, Customer NPS Stores, Safety, Sustainability (Delivery of Group Sustainability Strategy) and Strategic Transformation (Ocado Program). Refer to the FY25 Remuneration Report for further information.

Performance against the Balanced Scorecard metrics was assessed by the Board based on the Company's annual audited results and financial statements and other data provided to the Board. The decision to vest any STI Shares is subject to the overriding discretion of the Board, which may adjust outcomes upwards or downwards (including to zero) if appropriate, even if performance criteria has or has not been satisfied, including to better reflect shareholder expectations, to take into account the total value of the award at the time of any vesting, to account for personal or the Company's performance or any other factor which the Board reasonably determines is appropriate to take into account in the circumstances.

Shareholders are referred to the FY25 Remuneration Report for full details of the performance conditions of Ms Weckert's FY25 STI award.

#### FY25 STI award

At the end of FY25, the Board assessed the achievement of the performance conditions and determined Ms Weckert's total STI award to be \$1,850,000, being 92.5% of her FY25 TFC.

Subject to shareholder approval, Ms Weckert will be allocated 42,864 STI Shares which represents the calculated value of 50% of her total STI award, being \$925,000. If shareholder approval is not obtained, the Board will consider alternative arrangements to appropriately remunerate the MD and CEO including payment in cash.

The number of STI Shares to be allocated to Ms Weckert was determined by multiplying the FY25 STI award outcome by 50%, and then dividing by \$21.58 (the volume weighted average price of Coles shares traded on the ASX over the ten trading days up to and including 29 June 2025), with the result then rounded up to the nearest whole number to determine the number of STI Shares to be allocated.

As the STI Shares form part of Ms Weckert's remuneration, they will be granted at no cost and there will be no amount payable on vesting. The Company may issue new shares or acquire shares on market to satisfy awards under the Plan. The Board retains a discretion to make a cash equivalent payment in lieu of an allocation of shares.

#### Restrictions applying to STI Shares - Deferral Period

The STI Shares will be subject to a two-year deferral period, ending in September 2027 or such other date separately notified by the Board (Deferral Period). During the Deferral Period, the STI Shares will be held in trust on Ms Weckert's behalf and are not transferable.

At the end of the Deferral Period, the STI Shares will cease to be subject to any dealing restrictions (other than the requirements of the Company's Securities Dealing Policy).

#### Dividend and voting rights

STI Shares will carry the same voting rights as other fully paid ordinary shares in the Company. STI Shares are also entitled to receive any dividends or distributions that accrue in respect of the STI Shares from the grant date.

#### Other key terms of the STI Shares

#### Cessation of employment

Where employment is terminated for cause or ceases due to resignation (other than due to redundancy, genuine retirement as determined by the Board, death, permanent disability, or ill health) or significant underperformance, all STI Shares will be forfeited, unless the Board determines otherwise.

In all other circumstances, all STI Shares will remain on foot and be subject to the original terms of offer, as if Ms Weckert had not ceased employment, unless the Board determines otherwise.

Pursuant to the Plan Rules and offer terms, the Board retains discretion to release, leave on foot or forfeit some or all STI Shares in all circumstances.

#### Change of control

Where there is likely to be a change of control, the Board has the discretion to determine that all or a specified number of STI Shares cease to be subject to restrictions. Where only some of the STI Shares cease to be subject to restrictions on a change of control, the remainder of the STI Shares will immediately be forfeited.

If a change of control occurs before the Board exercises its discretion, all STI Shares will cease to be subject to restrictions.

#### Clawback

The Board has broad 'clawback' powers to determine that unvested STI Shares or vested STI Shares are forfeited, or that amounts are to be repaid, in certain circumstances (for example, in the case of fraud or serious misconduct, proceeds of any sale of shares or the value of dividends or distributions provided for shares might be repaid as a debt to Coles).

#### Restrictions on dealing

During the Deferral Period, Ms Weckert must not sell, transfer, encumber, hedge or otherwise deal with the STI Shares.

Once the STI Shares cease to be subject to restrictions, Ms Weckert will be free to deal with the shares, subject to the requirements of the Company's Securities Dealing Policy and Minimum Shareholding Policy.

#### Changes to the Plan

The Board may, in its absolute discretion, amend or add to the Plan Rules, or amend the terms or conditions of any incentive security granted under the Plan Rules, or suspend or terminate the operation of the Plan Rules, provided that (except in specified circumstances) such amendment would not reduce the rights of a participant in respect of any incentive security or share already granted. Any such amendments would be subject to applicable regulatory requirements and the Board's overarching consideration of alignment to shareholder expectations.

A voting exclusion statement applies to this resolution, as set out in the Notice of Meeting.

Additional information in relation to this Item 4 is provided below.

#### Recommendation

The Board (with Ms Weckert abstaining) recommends that shareholders vote in favour of the grant of STI Shares to Ms Weckert.

# Approval of long-term incentive grant of performance rights to the MD and CEO

ASX Listing Rule 10.14 requires that shareholder approval be obtained for the acquisition of securities by a director under an employee incentive scheme.

Pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 10.14, the Company is seeking shareholder approval for the grant of 167,864 performance rights to Ms Weckert, MD and CEO, as her long-term incentive (LTI) for FY26, as well as for the issue of any shares on vesting of the performance rights.

Subject to shareholder approval, the performance rights will be granted under the Plan shortly after the 2025 AGM and, in any event, no later than 12 months from the date of the 2025 AGM. If shareholder approval is not obtained, the Board will consider alternative arrangements to appropriately remunerate the MD and CEO including by providing an LTI in the form of cash.

#### Key terms of the FY26 LTI

The LTI is designed to align the interests of the MD and CEO with the interests of shareholders by providing her with the opportunity to receive an equity interest in Coles through the granting of performance rights.

It is proposed that Ms Weckert be granted 167,864 performance rights, which have been determined by dividing Ms Weckert's LTI opportunity (i.e. 175% of Ms Weckert's FY26 total fixed compensation of \$2,070,000 equalling to \$3,622,500) by the volume weighted average price of Coles shares traded on the ASX over the 10 trading days up to and including 29 June 2025 (being \$21.58), with the result then rounded up to the nearest whole number to determine the number of performance rights to be granted.

As the performance rights will form part of Ms Weckert's remuneration, they will be granted at no cost and there will be no amount payable on vesting. The Company may issue new shares or acquire shares on market to satisfy performance rights which vest under the Plan. Each performance right entitles Ms Weckert to one ordinary share in the Company on vesting. The Board retains a discretion to make a cash equivalent payment in lieu of an allocation of shares.

Prior to vesting, performance rights do not entitle Ms Weckert to any dividends or voting rights. Upon vesting of performance rights, Ms Weckert will receive a dividend equivalent amount in relation to the performance rights that vest, delivered in additional shares which are approximately equal in value to the amount of dividends that would have been paid had Ms Weckert been the owner of Coles shares during the period from the performance rights grant date to the vesting date. The Board retains a discretion to settle the dividend equivalent amount in cash, rather than as additional shares.

#### Performance conditions

The performance period will run from 30 June 2025 to 25 June 2028 (Performance Period).

Vesting of the LTI will be subject to the achievement of two performance conditions:

- 50% of the performance rights will be subject to a relative total shareholder return (RTSR) condition; and
- 50% of the performance rights will be subject to a cumulative return on capital (Cumulative ROC) condition.

RTSR measures the performance of an ordinary Coles share over the Performance Period (including the value of any cash dividend and any other shareholder benefits paid during the period) against the total shareholder return performance of a comparator group of companies over a similar period. For the FY26 LTI, RTSR performance will be assessed against a comparator group of companies comprising the S&P ASX100 Index as at 29 June 2025. The Board has discretion to adjust the comparator group of companies to take account of events such as de-listings, takeovers, and mergers or demergers.

Cumulative ROC measures the Company's average annual return on capital over the Performance Period against corporate plan targets set by the Board. Cumulative ROC is calculated based on the audited financial information of the Company and its controlled entities. The Board will assess Cumulative ROC after the end of the Performance Period.

In assessing achievement against the RTSR and Cumulative ROC performance conditions, the Board may have regard to any matters that it considers relevant. The decision to vest any performance rights is subject to the overriding discretion of the Board, which may adjust outcomes upwards or downwards (including to zero) if appropriate, even if performance criteria has or has not been satisfied, including to better reflect shareholder expectations, to take into account the total value of the award at the time of any vesting, to account for personal or the Company's performance or any other factor which the Board reasonably determines is appropriate to take into account in the circumstances.

#### Testing of the performance conditions

The percentage of performance rights subject to each performance condition that vests will be determined by reference to the following vesting schedules:

#### RTSR condition (50% weighting)

Achievement against RTSR condition	Portion of performance rights that vest
Below the 50th percentile	0% vesting
Equal to the 50th percentile	50% vesting
Between the 50th and 75th percentile	Straight-line pro rata vesting between 50% and 100%
Equal to the 75th percentile or above	100% vesting

#### Cumulative ROC condition (50% weighting)

Achievement against Cumulative ROC condition	Portion of performance rights that vest
Equal to or below 95% of target	0% vesting
Between 95% and 105% of target	Straight-line pro rata vesting between 0% and 100%
Equal to 105% of target or above	100% vesting

No retesting of the performance conditions is permitted and any performance rights that do not vest following testing will lapse.

#### Other key terms of the LTI performance rights

#### Cessation of employment

Where employment is terminated for cause or ceases due to resignation (other than due to redundancy, genuine retirement as determined by the Board, death, permanent disability, or ill health) or significant underperformance, all unvested performance rights will lapse, unless the Board determines otherwise.

In all other circumstances, a pro rata number of performance rights will remain on foot and be subject to the original terms of offer, as if the MD and CEO had not ceased employment, unless the Board determines otherwise.

Pursuant to the Plan Rules and offer terms, the Board retains discretion to vest, leave on foot or lapse some or all performance rights in all circumstances.

#### Change of control

Where there is a change of control event, the Board may in its absolute discretion determine that all or a specified number of performance rights vest. Where there is an actual change in the control of the Company then, unless the Board determines otherwise, unvested performance rights will vest on a pro rata basis (based on the portion of the Performance Period that has elapsed). Where only some of the performance rights vest, the remainder will immediately lapse. In determining whether to exercise its discretion, the Board may have regard to any circumstances it considers appropriate.

#### Clawback

The Board has broad 'clawback' powers to determine that performance rights lapse, any shares allocated on vesting are forfeited, or that amounts are to be repaid, in certain circumstances (for example, in the case of fraud or serious misconduct, proceeds of any sale of shares or the value of dividends or distributions provided for vested shares might be repaid as a debt to Coles).

#### Restrictions on dealing

Ms Weckert must not sell, transfer, encumber, hedge or otherwise deal with performance rights. Ms Weckert will be free to deal with the shares allocated on vesting of the performance rights, subject to the requirements of Coles' Securities Dealing Policy and Minimum Shareholding Policy.

#### Changes to the Plan

The Board may, in its absolute discretion, amend or add to the Plan Rules, or amend the terms or conditions of any incentive security granted under the Plan Rules, or suspend or terminate the operation of the Plan Rules, provided that (except in specified circumstances) such amendment would not reduce the rights of a participant in respect of any incentive security or share already granted. Any such amendments would be subject to applicable regulatory requirements and the Board's overarching consideration of alignment to shareholder expectations.

A voting exclusion statement applies to this resolution, as set out in the Notice of Meeting.

Additional information in relation to this Item 5 is provided below.

#### Recommendation

The Board (with Ms Weckert abstaining) recommends that shareholders vote in favour of the grant of performance rights to Ms Weckert.

# Items 4 and 5 – Additional information provided in accordance with ASX Listing Rule 10.15

- Ms Weckert's current total remuneration package for FY26 comprises \$2,070,000 (inclusive of superannuation) as total fixed compensation (TFC), a STI opportunity up to a maximum of \$3,105,000 (being 150% of TFC) and a LTI opportunity up to a maximum of \$3,622,500 (being 175% of TFC). Shareholders are referred to the FY25 Remuneration Report for full details of Ms Weckert's remuneration arrangements.
- Ms Weckert has previously been awarded the following securities at no cost under the Plan for her previous executive roles with Coles:
  - 769,504 Performance Rights (for FY20-FY25) and 36,453
     Performance Shares (for FY19) pursuant to the FY19 FY25
     Long Term Incentive Offers;
- 122,554 STI Shares pursuant to the FY20 FY24 STI awards; and
- 36,453 Restricted Shares pursuant to the FY19 Executive Restricted Share Offer.
- Ms Weckert is the only Director entitled to participate in and receive STI Shares and LTI performance rights under the Plan
- No loan will be made by the Company in relation to the acquisition of:
- STI Shares or allocation to Ms Weckert of any shares on release of those STI Shares; or
- performance rights or allocation to Ms Weckert of any shares on vesting of those rights.
- Details of any STI Shares and performance rights issued under the Plan will be published in Coles' Annual Report relating to the period in which they were issued, along with a statement that approval for the issue was obtained under ASX Listing Rule 10.14.
- Any additional persons covered by ASX Listing Rule 10.14
   who become entitled to participate in an issue of STI Shares
   or performance rights under the Plan after these resolutions
   are approved and who are not named in this Notice of
   Meeting will not participate until approval is obtained
   under that rule.

# Resolutions requisitioned by a group of shareholders (not supported by the Board)

The resolutions in Items 6.1-6.3 have been requisitioned by a group of shareholders holding approximately 0.0021% of Coles' shares on issue and are **NOT SUPPORTED** by the Board.

#### Item 6.1 (Amendment to constitution)

Item 6.1 seeks an amendment to Coles' Constitution. Item 6.1 is a special resolution and must be supported by at least 75% of votes cast on the Item at the meeting in order to pass.

The requisitioning shareholders have requested, pursuant to section 249P of the Corporations Act, that the statement in relation to this Item set out in Attachment 1 be provided to shareholders.

#### Coles' response to Item 6.1

The proposed resolution is seeking to amend Coles'
Constitution to include a new provision that would enable shareholders, by ordinary resolution, to express an opinion or request information about the way in which a power of the Company vested in the Board has been or should be exercised.

The power to manage the business of the Company is conferred on the Board by the Constitution. It is important that the Board is able to make decisions that affect the business and affairs of Coles in the best interests of the Company as a whole.

The Board does not believe the amendment contemplated by this resolution will improve the ability for shareholders as a whole to be heard and to express their opinions about the management of the Company. The Constitution already provides shareholders with important rights to make their opinions known to the Company and the Board. This includes the right to ask questions of and challenge the Board through the annual general meeting.

In addition, shareholders are provided with a number of opportunities in which they can engage with the Company. Coles operates an investor relations program and has regular investor briefings to encourage and facilitate communication and feedback from institutional and retail shareholders. Coles also has a Market Disclosure Policy which outlines Coles' commitment to ensuring that shareholders are provided with accurate, full and timely information about the Company's activities and that all stakeholders have equal opportunities to receive externally available information issued by the Company.

The Board takes into account the views of shareholders but has an overriding duty to proceed at all times in what the Board considers to be the best interests of the Company as a whole. The Board considers that the proposed amendments to Coles' Constitution are unnecessary given the existing rights conferred on shareholders under the Constitution and the Corporations Act.

It is important in conducting the business of Coles that the Board is at all times responsible for its actions and focused upon the creation of long-term shareholder value for all shareholders. The form of constitutional amendment proposed is not likely to enhance the achievement of those objectives. Imposing a constitutionally mandated obligation to put advisory resolutions to the Company's shareholders would increase the scope for requisitioned resolutions to be used by groups whose interests are not aligned with, and may be contrary to, those of the Company generally.

The power to "express an opinion" may also disproportionately favour special interest groups, as it could result in future general meetings of shareholders being dominated by non-binding special interest resolutions, which could be time-consuming and not necessarily aligned with the broader shareholder base.

#### Recommendation

For the above reasons, the Board does not consider the amendment to Coles' Constitution to be appropriate and recommends that shareholders vote **against**Item 6.1.

# Item 6.2 (Nature-related disclosure) and Item 6.3 (Seafood sourcing policy)

Item 6.2 requests that Coles identify and report on the real and potential impacts of farmed seafood that Coles procures for its Own Brand products in its 2026 Sustainability Report.

Item 6.3 requests Coles to align its Responsibly Sourced Seafood Policy and Supplier Requirements with a global best practice standard, such as the Conservation Alliance for Seafood Solutions "Guidance for Companies" and report to shareholders on progress in meeting these best practice guidelines in its 2026 Sustainability Report.

Item 6.2 and Item 6.3 are contingent on the passing of the constitutional amendment in Item 6.1. If Item 6.1 does not pass as a special resolution, these Items will not be put to shareholders at the meeting.

The requisitioning shareholders have requested, pursuant to section 249P of the Corporations Act, that the statement in relation to these Items set out in Attachment 1 be provided to shareholders.

#### Coles' response to Item 6.2

Item 6.2 is an advisory resolution in relation to Coles' disclosure of the real and potential impacts of farmed seafood on endangered species under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act) List of Threatened Fauna.

The members' statement received in relation to the resolution outlines concerns regarding the impact of salmon farming in Macquarie Harbour on the population of the Maugean skate, an endangered species of fish.

# Actions Coles has taken in relation to the impacts of farmed seafood

In FY25, Coles undertook a review to determine if aquaculture is a significant threat to any species in the regions Coles sources farmed seafood from. This assessment, drawing on publicly available information from the Federal Government's EPBC threatened fauna list (available at www.dcceew.gov.au), improved our understanding of the risks of aquaculture to listed species. We have included more information in our 2025 Sustainability Report about this review and the findings.

In addition, during FY25, Coles also sought to enhance our understanding of our impacts and dependencies on nature across the Coles Group. We did this through a thematic review drawing on the Taskforce for Nature-related Financial Disclosures Locate, Evaluate, Assess & Prepare framework. Through this work we have identified where nature risk is potentially present in our value chain, which will help us subsequently determine where to focus future action. This will include undertaking more granular assessments with respect to products that are farmed or fished. We will continue to build on this work in future periods, recognising that Nature is one of the strategic pillars in Coles' FY26–FY30 Sustainability Strategy.

Furthermore, we will incorporate the findings from these pieces of work in our approach to sourcing decisions, which consider a range of factors including current scientific understanding of our environmental impacts.

#### Recommendation

For the above reasons, the Board recommends that shareholders vote **against** Item 6.2.

#### Coles' response to Item 6.3

Item 6.3 is an advisory resolution in relation to Coles' seafood sourcing policies and practices.

Coles has had a Responsibly Sourced Seafood Program (Program) in place for several years. The Program recognises a range of certification and assessment programs and seeks to provide assurance that our Own Brand seafood is sourced from well-managed and sustainable fisheries or farms.

The Program applies to fresh, thawed, frozen and canned seafood, and food products that contain seafood as a primary ingredient. The Program requires that farmed (aquaculture) seafood Coles Own Brand products must be certified by either Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC), Best Aquaculture Practices (BAP), or GLOBALG.A.P.

We also undertake a range of additional due diligence activities in relation to Coles Own Brand products. In FY25, Coles commenced a review of our due diligence processes in relation to seafood sourcing, establishing cross-functional workstreams on certifications as well as animal welfare. As part of this review, we have assessed our current approach to product certifications for Coles Own Brand products. We have included information about our due diligence review in our 2025 Sustainability Report.

Building on this work in FY26, we will consider a range of appropriate guidelines and frameworks to further inform our due diligence approach such as the Conservation Alliance for Seafood Solutions "Guidance for Companies" (Guidance), noting that elements of Coles' existing Program already align with a number of principles and recommendations in the Guidance.

#### Sourcing farmed salmon from Macquarie Harbour

Coles takes seriously the concerns of stakeholders in relation to the impact of aquaculture on the endangered Maugean skate, and acknowledges the impact of farmed salmon, among other factors, on the skate. Coles also acknowledges the importance of aquaculture to the Tasmanian economy and the need to balance stakeholder concerns.

All Own Brand salmon that Coles procures from Macquarie Harbour currently complies with the Program (the requirements of which are summarised above and in our 2025 Sustainability Report). Coles recognises that some stakeholders have concerns about the certification of salmon sourced from Macquarie Harbour and we have engaged with the relevant certification bodies to understand how the evolving science and regulatory landscape may influence adjustments to and/or application of their standards in the context of Macquarie Harbour.

Since 2019, Coles has been monitoring scientific research and engaging directly with various stakeholders to understand the impacts of salmon farming, and other activities, on conditions within the Macquarie Harbour and the Maugean skate population.

In FY25, Coles has continued to monitor outcomes of the research being undertaken by the Institute of Marine and Antarctic Studies, particularly in relation to the most recent Maugean skate population study and the captive breeding program and review government reports in relation to dissolved oxygen levels in the Macquarie Harbour. While the latest population study and updates on the captive breeding program and dissolved oxygen levels in the Macquarie Harbour are encouraging, Coles acknowledges the need for ongoing monitoring and research. As such, we will continue to consider the latest science to guide our procurement and sourcing approach including in relation to farmed salmon sourced from Macquarie Harbour.

In FY25, Coles also reduced the volume of salmon taken from Macquarie Harbour. Coles further trialled thawed back frozen salmon as an alternative product to fresh salmon, although initial indications are that customers prefer fresh Australian salmon over frozen salmon.

Coles will continue to engage with and consider stakeholder views, including the concerns expressed by shareholders, as part of our approach to sustainable seafood sourcing.

Shareholders can access a copy of our 2025 Sustainability Report on the Company's website at www.colesgroup.com.au/sustainability.

#### Recommendation

For the above reasons, the Board recommends that shareholders vote **against** Item 6.3.

# Attachment 1 - Shareholder statements in relation to requisitioned resolutions

The shareholders who requisitioned the resolutions in Items 6.1-6.3 have requested, pursuant to section 249P of the Corporations Act, that the following statements accompany the resolutions.

Coles is legally required to circulate the statements to shareholders. However, the Board and Company are not responsible for the contents of the statements or for any inaccurate or misleading statements contained in them. References to "we" in these statements are to the requisitioning shareholders, not Coles. The statements are not endorsed by the Board.

# Shareholder Statement for the resolution in Item 6.1 – Amendment to constitution

Shareholder participation in the affairs of a company is a part of healthy corporate governance. Despite this practice being common in many countries, filing shareholder resolutions at listed Australian company Annual General Meetings is uncommon due to procedural and legal barriers.\(^1\)

Australian legislation and its interpretation in case law means that Australian shareholders are unable to directly propose an ordinary resolution. As a result, shareholders must propose multiple resolutions, the first being a 'special resolution' to amend the company's constitution to allow ordinary resolutions to be placed on the agenda at a company's annual meeting. This limits a key mechanism for investors to influence the direction of companies, particularly their management of ESG risks.² For comparison, 550 shareholder resolutions were filed in the first quarter of 2024 in the US, compared to a total of 6 in Australia through the entirety of 2023.³

Allowing ordinary resolutions from shareholders at annual meetings is in the long-term interests of the company, shareholders and stakeholders.

# Shareholder Statement for the resolution in Item 6.2 – Nature-related disclosure

Last year over 39% of Coles investors supported this resolution against management recommendation – one of the highest votes globally for an environmental resolution. By global standard, a vote of this magnitude would usually result in the company making a meaningful response to address shareholder concerns. To date, this has not happened.

Coles still risks its reputation through association with a likely extinction event, bacteria outbreaks and animal cruelty by selling salmon farmed in Macquarie Harbour, which threatens the endangered Maugean Skate. In 2023, the Australian Government identified degraded water quality from salmon aquaculture as the Skate's primary and potentially "catastrophic" threat, urging immediate reductions in farming. The skate remains highly vulnerable to extreme events and is likely to be uplisted to Critically Endangered in 2025. With Gondwanan origins and a habitat partly World Heritage listed, it is among the world's most endangered ray species. The IUCN recently designated Macquarie Harbour a Key Biodiversity Area due to the Skate's limited and threatened range.

Community and political support for salmon farming in the Harbour is falling. A Recently the industry suffered its worst ever mass mortality due to a bacterial outbreak that killed 13% of annual production and highlighted animal welfare violations and uncontrolled pollution, including salmon fat washing up onshore. S

Last year our company said it would continue to sell this product to avoid prejudicing the Environment Minister's review into salmon farming in Macquarie Harbour. Since then, the Australian Prime Minister backed the industry by amending nature protection laws to limit the power of the Environment Minister to review such decisions – regardless of scientific evidence of negative impacts to a threatened species. This was heavily criticised by conservation groups and scientists.

The responsibility now lies with Coles to do its own due diligence and review whether the risks posed by continuing to sell this product are warranted, and whether other farmed seafood products it sells carry any significant risks for investors. The OECD's Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct expects companies to fulfil their own due diligence regardless of government action or inaction.<sup>9</sup>

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# Shareholder Statement for the resolution in Item 6.3 – Seafood sourcing policy

Coles' Policy falls short of global best practice and has proven unsuccessful in identifying serious threats to biodiversity evidenced in its farmed salmon supply chain.

Coles sells Macquarie Harbour salmon using certifications that claim responsible sourcing. The certifications Coles relies on, Best Aquaculture Practices (BAP) and GLOBALG.A.P. (GGN) are facing calls from more than 80 global conservation groups to decertify Macquarie Harbour salmon. The Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC) states that none of the 11 salmon farming sites in Macquarie Harbour complies with their standards. The Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC) states that none of the 11 salmon farming sites in Macquarie Harbour complies with their standards.

This, along with other initiatives such as the mandatory EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive and the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct highlight the failings of voluntary certifications to prevent environmental and social harm. <sup>13</sup> There is a growing global expectation that companies take responsibility for finding and addressing real or potential adverse nature impacts in their supply chains.

The Conservation Alliance for Seafood Solutions is a global community of over 185 organisations across 30 countries. Members include civil society groups, certification schemes, academics, and businesses including major retailers and seafood suppliers. <sup>14</sup> Nearly all North American and European major retailers have sustainable seafood policies based on Alliance guidance. <sup>15</sup>

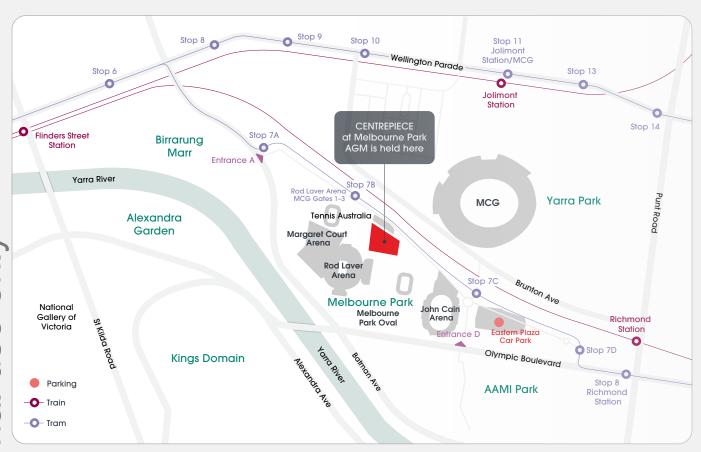
It recently updated its Guidance for Companies on Environmentally and Socially Responsible Seafood ("Guidance for Companies") that outlines processes and principles to assist companies create and implement a due diligence-based sustainable seafood policy.<sup>16</sup>

The Guidance provides examples for large retailers who rely on certifications to meet their sustainability commitments. <sup>17</sup> Should retailers find adverse negative impacts on nature they should work with the supplier to find alternative seafood sources. If that is not possible, the company can cease sourcing that species from the supplier. This suggested approach provides the flexibility to review cases of supplies causing harm while using certifications to support implementing sustainable sourcing policies.

The Guidance recommends embedding this into sourcing policies, which would help Coles become a leading sustainable retailer in Australia.

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# Location of the AGM



# Getting to the AGM

#### **Drive and Car Park**

Parking is available at the Eastern
Plaza Car Park, enter via Entrance D
(Olympic Boulevard) and turn right at
the roundabout. Tap the card that you
pre-booked with or pull a ticket.

To book your parking, go to https://prebook.mopt.vic.gov.au/en/Parking is subject to availability. If this car park is sold out, several car parks operate in close proximity to the venue. For more information, see the website at the end of this page.

## **Public Transport**

The following train stations are within walking distance:

- Jolimont Station (13-minute walk)
- Flinders Street Station (17-minute walk)
- Richmond Station (18-minute walk)

The following tram stops are within walking distance:

- Route 70, stop 7B Rod Laver Arena (2-minute walk)
- Routes 48 and 75, stop 11 Jolimont Station/MCG (13-minute walk)

These tram routes connect to Jolimont, Flinders Street and Richmond train stations.

## Taxi and Ride Share

There is a taxi rank next to Melbourne Park Oval on Olympic Boulevard.
The drop-off and pick-up point for ride share services is located outside John Cain Arena on Olympic Boulevard.



For more information go to https://centrepiecemelbourne.com/plan-your-visit/getting-here/.

